

# **William R. Hunt letter**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Hunt, William R., 1837-1913
<b>Title</b>	William R. Hunt letter
<b>Date</b>	1863/01/03
<b>Extent</b>	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S2573

### Preferred Citation

William R. Hunt letter, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

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William R. Hunt, of Rush County, Indiana, was born in 1837. He enlisted in the army infantry on October 8, 1861 as a sergeant in the 37th Indiana Regiment, Company K. He was mustered out at the rank of 1st lieutenant, probably late in 1864. Hunt saw combat at the Battle of Stones River, December 31, 1862 through January 2, 1863. A short time after the battle, he wrote a long letter to his brother, George W. Hunt, describing in detail the fighting and conditions. William died on June 30, 1913 and is buried in La Fontaine, Wabash County, Indiana at the La Fontaine IOOF Cemetery.

Sources: \*Guide to Indiana Civil War Manuscripts (Indianapolis : Indiana Civil War Centennial Commission, 1965) \*U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865 [database on-line] via Ancestry.com

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes a photocopy of a transcription of the original Civil War era letter. Both the transcription and photocopy were created before February 1980. The letter was authored shortly after the Battle of Stones River, early in January 1863. Also photocopied are a photo of William R. Hunt, the author, and brief military personnel notes taken from a reference work at Rushville Public Library. The donor, Georgia Hunt Headlee, includes a brief family genealogy, showing her relationship with the letter's author.

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## Arrangement

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This collection includes one item.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

## Rare Books and Manuscripts

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### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

### Processing Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Genre(s)

- Correspondence

### Geographic Name(s)

- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Military life
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal narratives

### Subject(s)

- Stones River, Battle of, Murfreesboro, Tenn., 1862-1863